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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, MY

SUBJECT: OPIUM: THE STATISTICAL MORASS

REF: (A) BANGKOK 6685, (B) KUALA LUMPUR 1052

THIS TELEGRAM PRESENTS AN ATTEMPT AT ADDING A LITTLE

MURKY CLARITY TO THE MORASS AS PRESENTED REFTEL A.

TABLE C OF THAT TELEGRAM SHOWS A HIGH CONSUMPTION

FIGURE OF 230 METRIC TONS PER YEAR FOR MALAYSIA.

ACCORDING TO OUR ANALYSIS IN PARA 2, REFTEL B,

THAT HIGH FIGURE SHOULD BE 45 TONS OF PROCESSED

HEROIN OR 23 TONS OF PURE HEROIN. USING THE 23

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TON FIGURE, THE AVERAGE (INTERPOLATED) TOTAL ANNUAL

CONSUMPTION ESTIMATE IN COLUMN 2 OF TABLE E

SHOULD BE 18 TONS/YR. COLUMN 3 SHOULD SHOW

AN ANNUAL PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION FIGURE (BASED

ON COLUMN A'S ESTIMATE OF 44,000 CONSUMERS) OF

.41 KG. COLUMN 4 SHOULD SHOW A DAILY PER CAPITA

CONSUMPTION OF 1.12 GRAMS. THIS LAST FIGURE

IS MUCH MORE IN LINE WITH ESTIMATES FOR OTHER
COUNTRIES AND IS COMPARABLE WITH THE MALAYSIAN
POLICE ESTIMATES GIVEN PARA 2 REFTTEL B OF
1.5 GRAMS PER DAY.
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